REMARKS

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Smyth et al (US patent 3,289,233) in view of Hoffman (US patent 2,651,069). Moreover, Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hoffman (US patent 2,651,069) in view of Vaughn (US patent 2,730,744). Besides, claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Smyth et al (US patent 3,289,233) in view of Hoffman (US patent 2,651,069) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Sloan (US patent 4,971,471).

However, the Examiner has pointed out that claims 2, 4 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Responsive to this, claim 2 is deleted and claim 1 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1 and 2 so as to make the claimed invention more distinguishably patentable over the prior arts cited by the Examiner. It is believed that, the amended claim 1 has disclosed a structure whose construction and function are quite different from and patentably distinguishable over the cited prior arts. Therefore, it is believed that, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) should be removed, and the amended claim 1 should be allowable.

It is further submitted the amended claims 3-6 should be allowable as they are dependent upon the amended claim 1 which is believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

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